

Survey of parental views on their child returning to nursery/ school or college.

We emailed these results to the LA yesterday for discussion later this week.

Parents/ Carers keeping their child at home ==71

Parents/ Carers sending their child to Ed placement ===19

Parents/ Carers who are undecided =====14

Number of responses 104

The key reasons for parents/ carers keeping their child at home.

1. The child will not understand social distancing.
2. The child needs personal care and there will be “ rotating” staff who will not know the child.
3. Transport will not be “ safe” because of the proximity of adults to the child.

It will be confusing if the usual transport is not available which will add to the child’s anxiety.

The Transport information on the corporate website does not take account of the needs of children with SEND or the families situation.

4. Communication between home and school will be difficult in both special and mainstream settings because there will be no feedback at the “ handover” of the child either by transport staff or school staff at home time in mainstream schools.
5. Very IMPORTANT parents don’t think it is safe to be out of the home because appropriate testing measures are not in place and transmission of the virus is not clear.
6. Several families have not received regular calls from practitioners so do not have a “ voice” at the moment.
7. Many parents need a phased return to school often in small steps.
8. Some families are not aware that there had been a risk assessment so one will need to be carried out before a return to school. Importantly parents do not seem to have either been involved in the assessment and do not have a copy of one.
9. Transition to a different school or college in September is causing additional anxiety. It would be helpful to arrange virtual tours and phased contact with new staff.
10. The availability of PPE needs to be discussed and the impact on the child.
11. CYP with sensory issues are particularly vulnerable.